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Commission Members
The Federal Communications Commission, Room 222
19190 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Members of the FCC,

I have been hearing recently of actions by the staff of the FCC to shut down very low power radio stations which are operating in various parts of the nation, serving small audiences which would otherwise be unserved. An example is the Hispanic station in Kansas City, just across the state line in Missouri from where I live.

I think these stations, as long as they are not creating significant problems for licensed stations, should be left alone. After all, the air waves belong to the people, not to the government nor existing broadcasters.

I urge you to work with your fellow commissioners to create policies which allow such stations to operate. It is my understanding that there is a Petition which is relevant to my concerns here, Petition RM-9242.

We citizens of the U.S. like to see ourselves as enterprising, creative, constructive contributors to our communities and our nation. I believe these small, low power stations provide a good channel for such people to make their contributions, from which the typical citizen can benefit.

Sincerely,

Franklin W. Neff

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